307-26
October 13, 2026

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2024, the Township of West Orange adopted Resolution 310-24, granting Dogwood Green Inc. ("Dogwood Green") a local license to operate a Cannabis Retail Business as a Local Cannabis Entity, at Block 10, Lot 1.01, commonly known as 5 Central Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey (the "Location"); and

WHEREAS, the local license granted to Dogwood Green was for a term of one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, Dogwood Green submitted a renewal application for its local license to the Office of the Township Clerk seeking an additional one (1) year license to operate a cannabis retail business within the Township for calendar year 2025, which was approved; and

WHEREAS, Dogwood Green began its latest one (1) year renewal term on November 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Dogwood Green's renewal application was required to be submitted sixty (60) days before expiration of its license in accordance with the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange, Section 5-34.6; and

WHEREAS, provided that a Local Cannabis Entity requests an extension no later than thirty (30) days before the expiration of its license, the Township is permitted to grant a thirty (30) day extension for submission of a renewal application; and

WHEREAS, Dogwood Green submitted its renewal application on October 27, 2026;

WHEREAS, Dogwood Green acknowledges that its renewal application was submitted after the applicable deadline; and

WHEREAS, Dogwood Green has requested that the Township consider its renewal application *nunc pro tunc*, treating the renewal application as if it had been submitted prior to the applicable deadline; and

WHEREAS, the current General Revised Ordinances of the Township of West Orange do not provide a mechanism for reinstating a license when a renewal application was not timely submitted; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act grants the Township broad discretion over the licensing of local cannabis entities; and

WHEREAS, Dogwood Green asserts that, as a local business employing local residents, it would be adversely affected if its renewal application were not heard; and

WHEREAS, despite Dogwood Green's late renewal application submission, the Township concurs that this local business would be adversely affected if its renewal application were not heard; and

WHEREAS, Dogwood Green has advised that there are no changes in its renewal application from its renewal application for 2025; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Matthew Fuela recommended renewal of Dogwood Green's license in his November 2, 2026 memorandum to the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, Director of Health and Welfare, and Director of Planning and Development were all provided an opportunity to comment on Dogwood Green's renewal application, and all responded with no comments which would prevent the approval of the renewal application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Orange, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, that, in the best interests of the Township and its inhabitants, Dogwood Green's renewal application is accepted, *nunc pro tunc*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the renewal application of Dogwood Green for a local license to operate a cannabis retail business within the Township at the property located at: Block 10, Lot 1.01, commonly known as 5 Central Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey, is in compliance with the Township's local regulations on cannabis businesses, be and is hereby approved;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dogwood Green's license shall expire on November 12, 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk shall promptly provide Dogwood Green and the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission with a certified copy of this Resolution.

Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk

Susan Scarpa
Council President

Adopted: November 10, 2026